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From: Johnson, AudreyL
Sent: Wed 10/25/2017 7:41:47 PM
Subject: FW: Public Notice for a Draft Class III Area Permit and Proposed Aquifer Exemption for Excelsior Gunnison Copper Project

FYI...See response below from Dave Dunaway at ADEQ

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Subject: RE: Public Notice for a Draft Class III Area Permit and Proposed Aquifer Exemption for Excelsior Gunnison Copper Project

Thank you Audrey!

Excelsior currently has concerns about the compatibility between the UIC and APP permits our respective agencies have issued. I wouldn't be surprised if they reach out to you as well. I'm not seeing a direct conflict, however we're having some talks with them as they gather more information.

Regards,

-Dave

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Subject: Public Notice for a Draft Class III Area Permit and Proposed Aquifer Exemption for Excelsior Gunnison Copper Project

Dear David,

This email is to inform you that Excelsior Mining Arizona, Inc. applied to the US EPA for an Underground Injection Control (UIC) Class III Area Permit to construct and operate an in-situ copper recovery (ISCR) facility known as the Gunnison Copper Project, located in Dagoon, Cochise County, Arizona. Excelsior is also requesting an Aquifer Exemption for the oxide ore body in which the ISCR wellfield will be located. I have

included Hans and Edna in this notification because the project is located in the US-Mexico Border region.

EPA has made a preliminary determination to issue the Class III UIC Area Permit to Excelsior and approve the Aquifer Exemption pending a 30-day public notice and comment period. EPA published a public notice (attached) for the proposed Draft Permit and the Aquifer Exemption in the Arizona Range News and the Sierra Vista Herald today. EPA is proposing these actions as provided by Part C of the Safe Drinking Water Act and pursuant to Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Parts 124, 144, 146, and 147.

As indicated in the attached public notice, support materials for EPA's proposed actions are available online and at the Elsie S. Hogan Library in Willcox, AZ. EPA is accepting written comments on our proposed actions through the end of the comment period on November 24, 2017.

If you have any questions about this matter, please contact me at (415) 972-3431, or you may contact Nancy Rumrill, the staff lead, via email Rumrill.Nancy@epa.gov or at (415) 972-3293.

Best Regards,

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